



PROCLAMATION

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 15, 2009

WHEREAS, seniors deserve to live safely with dignity, and as independently as possible, with the support they need; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is most often defined as any act that harms a senior or jeopardizes his or her health or welfare; and

WHEREAS, eliminating abuse to older persons is each community's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is concerned about the risk to our older residents who suffer from neglect or are victims of financial, emotional or physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, all of our residents should watch for signs of abuse such as physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety, fear of family members, friends or caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim

June 15, 2009 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day

and encourages everyone to commit to build safer communities for our elderly residents.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2009.

John Maynard
Chairman

Manuel Ruiz
Vice-Chairman

Rudy Molera
Supervisor